

efforts to champion farmers' voices. I wish him continued success with his broadcasting and agricultural endeavors.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF VICE ADMIRAL PAUL FREDERICK FOSTER, USN

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the passing of Vice Admiral Paul Frederick Foster, USN. Over his distinguished 23-year career in the United States Navy, Vice Admiral Foster became the first naval officer to be awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, and our nation's highest military distinction, the Medal of Honor.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, the son of a Congregationalist minister, he spent his early years traveling the west with his father, living in Kansas, Utah, Oklahoma, and Idaho before his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. At the academy, he reached the rank of cadet commander and served as commander of the Midshipmen Battalion. Upon graduation in 1911, he was assigned to various postings in the Caribbean Sea. In 1914, then-Ensign Foster took part in the Battle of Veracruz during the United States' intervention against Mexican dictator Victoriano Huerta. At the head of his company, he led his sailors ashore during the fighting on April 21 and 22, 1914. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his leadership, heroism, and courage under enemy fire. His commendation cites that "Ens. Foster was eminent and conspicuous in his conduct, leading his men with skill and courage".

Upon his return to the United States in 1915, Vice Admiral Foster became one of the first American naval officers to undergo submarine instruction. He served as executive officer on the experimental submarine G-4 and participated in maneuvers along the Eastern Seaboard. When the United States joined the Allies in World War I, Vice Admiral Foster was sent to England and served on U.S. Submarine L-2. In 1918, he was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for his part in sinking one of the three enemy submarines during the war.

After World War I, he returned to peacetime duty back in the United States. In 1924, during a training accident on the USS *Trenton*, with total disregard for his safety, Vice Admiral Foster entered a burning gun turret and extinguished the fire both inside the turret and on the clothing of the crew members, saving their lives. For this act of valor, he was decorated with the Navy Cross. He retired from active duty in 1929 but remained a member of the Navy Reserve.

Vice Admiral Foster was recalled to active duty in 1941 following the attack on Pearl Harbor. President Franklin D. Roosevelt directly tasked him to conduct special naval inspections worldwide during the Second World War. As Assistant Inspector General of the Navy, Vice Admiral Foster examined bases across the globe, overseeing operations and ensuring the security, effectiveness, and safety of U.S.

naval operations in North America, Europe, and the Pacific. He received the Legion of Merit and Navy Commendation Medal War for his essential service. He retired from the Navy fully in October 1946 with the rank of vice admiral.

The end of his military service did not mark the end of his career in public service. In 1954, Vice Admiral Foster was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to be the assistant general manager for international activities at the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and later general manager of the commission, advancing the United States' peaceful pursuit of atomic power. Finally, in 1959, President Eisenhower appointed him permanent U.S. representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, furthering U.S. leadership in managing the peacetime development of atomic science and technology through the "Atoms for Peace" initiative. During his service in Vienna, he had the opportunity to meet with several world leaders, including Pope John XXIII. After retiring in 1961, Vice Admiral Foster settled in Virginia Beach. He passed away on Jan. 30, 1972, at the age of 82. In a tribute to his years of service, the Spruance-class destroyer USS *Paul F. Foster* was named in his honor in 1976.

A true American hero, Vice Admiral Foster's legacy lives on through his family, friends, and commitment to service to his country. I hope the rest of my colleagues will join me in honoring his memory on the 50th anniversary of his passing on Jan. 30, 2022.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANDREA TALENTINO ON BEING NAMED THE NINTH PRESIDENT OF AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Andrea Talentino, who has been named the ninth President in the rich, 161-year history of Augustana College located in Rock Island, Illinois. Her first day will be July 1, 2022.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Yale University and doctorate from UCLA, Dr. Talentino has dedicated her professional career to helping our next generation prepare for the future. She perfected the art of teaching and mentored countless students as a member of faculty at Tulane University. Committed to becoming more versed in all aspects of higher education, Dr. Talentino developed her leadership administrative and supervisory skills as Associate Dean at Drew University and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Norwich University. Her proven work ethic and detail-oriented approach afforded her the opportunity to become Provost at Nazareth College, her most recent position. Dr. Talentino will strive to provide an all-encompassing and inclusive educational experience for the Augustana community.

It is because of passionate and selfless leaders such as Dr. Andrea Talentino that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Dr. Andrea Talentino on being announced as the ninth President of Augustana College.

CONGRATULATING MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mount Vernon Marauders football team for winning the Class 4A Championship Game.

The Marauders made Mount Vernon High School history by winning the school's first ever state championship, with a 45-14 win over Northridge High School. Marauders' all-star team includes quarterback Gehrig Slunaker, who threw for 235 yards and three touchdown passes; running back Keagan LaBelle ran for 76 yards and two touchdowns; and Ashden Gentry scored a 59-yard interception return.

Congratulations to first-year coach Vince Lidy and the entire football team for their incredible accomplishments and hard work this year.

CELEBRATING THE TRICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the tricentennial anniversary of the charter of the Town of Barrington, New Hampshire. Founded in 1722, Barrington was named for Samuel Shute of Barrington Hall, the colonial governor of both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This small town has contributed to our ever-growing nation since before its independence.

Hard-work and family are what has kept Barrington strong throughout the centuries. From its lakes and trails to its family-owned businesses, Barrington is an example of what the American Dream looks like for so many Granite Staters. This town of more than 9,000 has become a pillar of Strafford County and will continue to be for generations to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Barrington on this incredible milestone. I look forward to a continued partnership with Barrington and its residents who I am proud to represent in Congress.

RECOGNIZING OHIO'S LONGEST-SERVING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, WILLIAM "ANDY" THOMPSON

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Ohio's longest-serving township trustee, William "Andy" Thompson.

The year 1970 was momentous for many reasons. It was the year the Beatles released

their final album "Let It Be" just before the band broke up, the legal voting age in the U.S. was lowered from 21 to 18, and it was the year that William "Andy" Thompson first answered the call to serve his community.

After 52 years and 13 consecutive four-year terms, Andy ends his tenure as Ohio's longest-serving township trustee. Located in northwest Delaware County, Thompson Township, which carries the same family name only by coincidence, has a population of just 659 residents.

For township trustees in rural Ohio, the role requires more than just setting policy and addressing the concerns of residents. Given the size and budgets of smaller townships, the job often doubles as a part-time maintenance position of sorts. Even at age 84, Andy was no exception. On any given day, if Andy wasn't tending to his own farm, he could likely be found patching roads or mowing at the local cemetery.

Among Andy's long list of accomplishments spanning his more than five decades of public service was the construction of a new township hall, at no added expense to taxpayers.

While Andy's time as an officeholder has ended, his legacy will endure for many years to come. This legacy includes his successor as township trustee, his son, Andy Thompson III.

Andy has set a high bar for the thousands of township officeholders serving across Ohio's 1,308 townships. It is an honor to recognize his long career of public service and to express my sincere gratitude to William "Andy" Thompson on behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, which resulted in my

quarantining due to a doctor's order, I was unable to travel to D.C. for the legislative session on December 8, 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 406; YEA on Roll Call No. 407; YEA on Roll Call No. 408; YEA on Roll Call No. 409; NAY on Roll Call No. 410; NAY on Roll Call No. 411; YEA on Roll Call No. 412; YEA on Roll Call No. 413; YEA on Roll Call No. 414; YEA on Roll Call No. 415; YEA on Roll Call No. 416; YEA on Roll Call No. 417; YEA on Roll Call No. 418; NAY on Roll Call No. 419; NAY on Roll Call No. 420; YEA on Roll Call No. 421; YEA on Roll Call No. 422; YEA on Roll Call No. 423; NAY on Roll Call No. 424; NAY on Roll Call No. 425; YEA on Roll Call No. 426; YEA on Roll Call No. 427; YEA on Roll Call No. 428; YEA on Roll Call No. 429; YEA on Roll Call No. 430; YEA on Roll Call No. 431; YEA on Roll Call No. 432; YEA on Roll Call No. 433; YEA on Roll Call No. 434; and YEA on Roll Call No. 435.

CONGRATULATING GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TRAVIS MACKEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GENESEO CUSD NO. 228

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Geneseo High School principal, Travis Mackey, who is retiring from Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 after nearly 20 years at the end of 2021/2022 school year.

Mr. Mackey has been an integral part of the fabric of the city of Geneseo since he arrived in 2001 after teaching math at Rock Island High School for nearly 8 years. Mr. Mackey's first role with Geneseo High School was athletic director, which he held for 16 years. In a city that is deeply passionate about their inter-

scholastic athletics, Mr. Mackey quickly became a beloved figure in the Geneseo Community. He further cultivated the strong city-wide culture around the High School's sports teams and aided in making Maple Leafs sporting events a proud tradition. His work ethic and vigilant stewardship earned him a promotion in 2017, when he became principal of the High School. As the School's lead administrator, he helped position our children for future success, listened to their stories, offered advice, and strived to be a friendly face and voice to every student without reservation.

It is because of compassionate and trail-blazing leaders such as Travis Mackey that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Mackey on his retirement from Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228 and thank him for his nearly 20 years of service to the city of Geneseo.

CONGRATULATING GREENFIELD-CENTRAL MARCHING BAND

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Greenfield-Central's Marching Band and Guard, Cougar Pride, for winning the Class B Championship at the state band competition at Lucas Oil Stadium.

This is the second straight marching band state title Greenfield-Central High School has taken home. These students have been perfecting their performance, titled "Ramped Up", since early summer.

Congratulations to Band Director Chris Wing and all 150 members of Cougar Pride on this achievement.